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**THE TRIAL of WILLIAM GEORGE, THOMAS CHILDREY, and ANNE his WIFE, for the Murder of ELIZABETH BLACKFORD, at the Magpies at Marcham, Berks.**



WILLIAM George, Thomas Childrey, and Anne his Wife, were indicted, for that they not having the Fear of God before their Eyes, but being moved by the Instigation of the Devil, upon Elizabeth Blackford did make an Assault, and her with a certain Hatchet made of Iron and Steel, Value 6 d. which he the said William held in his Right Hand, the said Thomas and Anne being then and there present, &c. did strike and bear, giving her one mortal Wound on the back Part of her Head, &c. and one other mortal Wound on her Throat, &c. also one other Wound on the Breast, &c. by reason of which mortal Wounds, &c. she instantly died.

This Indictment being read, they all severally pleaded Not Guilty. Then the Court proceeded to Trial.

Joseph Blackford sworn.

Court. Give an Account of what you know of this Murder, for which the Prisoners at the Bar stand indicted.

J. B. An't please yo', my Lord, I had been at Wallingford Fair with Hogs, and when I came back found my Wife dead in the House.

Q. What House?

J. B. The Magpies at Marcham, my Lord; she was my Wife, and we kept the Magpies Alehouse.

Q. When did you go to Wallingford Fair?

J. B. On Sunday Morning about One o'Clock, the 5th Day of December, and Wallingford Fair was on the Monday, and I came back again on the Tuesday about 11 o'Clock.

Q. Who did you leave in the House when you went to the Fair?

J. B. I left my Wife in Bed, my Lord, and no body else; and when I went out I locked the Door and put the Key under it.

Q. Did you leave any Quantity of Money in the House when you went out?

J. B. I had 6 l. in Money, and I put it on the Table by her, and she had 50 s. in her Purse.

Q. What happen'd when you returned?

J. B. I found the Door of my House lock'd and the Key gone, my Lord; then I tried to force the Door open, but could not; so I went and got a Man to open'd the Casement of the Window, and as soon as the look'd in, he cried, *Measter, Deame's at the House*, I said, *God forbid*; so he ran presently and fetch'd a Woman, and put her in at the Window; she was frighted, and cried out her Dame was murder'd, and tried to open the Door but could not; we got a Hatchet, and broke the Door open; and as I got in, there I found my poor Wife lying along the Floor, hackt and hew'd like a hock of beef.

Q. Was her Scull broke?

J. B. Yes, an't please your Lordship, and her face lay all about.

Q. Had she any other Wounds about her?

J. B. Her Throat was cut a'most in two, and she was cut and hackt on the Breast, and had several Wounds about her.

Q. Was the Money you left when you went to the Fair gone?

J. B. Yes, my Lord, Money and all was gone.

Q. Did you know the Prisoners at the Bar?

J. B. They used to be up and down at my House.

Q. Did they use to be at your House together?

J. B. Sometimes, my Lord; but George ofner was there. I have told my Wife, I did not like him.

Q. Did not like the Fellow to be about my House?

J. B. No, nothing, but that they have ruin'd me.

Q. I have lost the best of Wives.

Edward Kimber sworn.

E. K. I saw Thomas Childrey on the Sunday before the Murder happen'd, about 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon near the Magpies, a going towards Abingdon, and he went over a Ditch a back Way, which nobody ever went scarce. He said he had been at Tubney Wood to cut two Hunting Sticks for Mr. Woods of Abingdon.

Pris. T. Ch. Was William George with me?

Kimb. No, there was nobody with you then.

[Here Mr. Richard Simeon was call'd to prove the Confession of William George; but Counsellor Taylor moved that it might not be then read, and desired the Jury to take Notice, That although what was therein contained was to be taken as Evidence against George himself, yet it was not to be admitted as any Proof, nor in the least to move them with regard to the Prisoners Childrey and his Wife, for whom, he said, he was Counsel in Points of Law. The Judge likewise gave the same Caution to the Jury; and then the Court proceeded to examine the rest of the Witnesses for the King.]

William Winch sworn.

I was at the House of the Deceased the Night before the Murder was done.

Q. When was the Murder done?

Winch. It was done o'the Monday, an't please yo' my Lord, and this was o'the Sunday Night, the 5th of December.

Q. When was the Murder found out?

Winch. On the Tuesday after that.

Q. What happen'd while you was at the House?

Winch. I saw William George come in, and enquire if Childrey had been there, the Deceased answer'd, She had not seen him. He stay'd about an Hour, and then went away.

Pris. Ch. Did you see me there with him?

Winch. No, not in the House.

Elizabeth Winch sworn.

E. Winch. A Sunday about 4 o'Clock I was coming from Goody Blackall's, and I saw Childrey going a back Way that nobody went.

Q. Was he going towards the Magpies, or was he coming from it?

E. Winch. He seem'd to be going towards the Magpies when I first saw him, but turned short away over a Style when he saw me.

Q. Did you see William George with him?

E. Winch. No, an't please yo', my Lord, not with him, I met him before, about a Furlong from the Magpies going towards it, and when I met Childrey, he was about two Furlongs from it in a By-way, and he seem'd to be going towards it till he see me, and then he turn'd short off, and went over a Style, as if he had been going to Abingdon.

Q. When was the Murder committed?

E. Winch. I can't tell exactly, my Lord; I was at Goody Blackall's on Monday in the Evening, about five or six o'Clock, and then she was alive and well, and said she would make up a good Fire, and sit down to her Knitting, and ask'd me to come and sit with her; and I told her I believ'd I cou'dn't.

Q. When did you hear she was murder'd?

E. Winch. I was sent for by old Joseph Blackall the next Day about 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon, and then he said he believ'd his Wife was dead, and desired me to creep in at the Window and open the Door; when I got in I found the poor Woman murdered in a barbarous Manner, lying all along upon the Floor with her Knitting in her Hand, as if she had been beat out of her Chair.

Q. Had she any Wounds about her?

E. Winch. Wounds! Yes, an't please your Lordship, a-many. She had a great Gash in her Scull big enough to put your three Fingers into her Head, and her kekker was cut quite in two with a Hatchet that lay a-cross her Arm.

Q. Was the Hatchet bloody?

E. Winch. Yes, an't please your Lordship, and there was something upon it that look'd like Brains.

Q. Did you perceive any more Wounds about her?

E. Winch. One large one on the Side of her Head, and two, very bad Bruises; and there was one just hereabouts [pointing to her own Breast] which the Cats had gnaw'd.

Q. Didn't it look as if it had been cut with the Hatchet? Why do you believe the Cats gnaw'd it?

E. Winch. Because I saw the Cats upon her, and it look'd ragged as if the Cats had gnaw'd it, and was not bloody any where before. The Blood came all from the back Part of her Head.

Pris. Ch. What did she say when you parted with her a Monday Night?

E. Winch. She said she wou'd make a Fire and sit down to her Knitting, and ask'd me to come to her.

Anne Walker sworn.

Court. What do you know of this Murder?

A. Walker. I don't know any Thing of the Murder, my Lord.

Q. Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar? Look at them.

A. Walker. Know them! yes, an't please your Lordship, I know them. That Man and his Wife [pointing to Childrey] lodged with me; and this young Man [pointing to George] was often with them.

Q. Do you no any thing of their being together about the Time the Murder was committed?

A. Walker. When I came down Stairs on Sunday Morning, I ask'd this Woman [pointing to the Prisoner] where Thomas was, meaning her Husband. She reply'd, he and George were gone out together, and said likewise, that she thought they were always together.

Q. Did she say so, as if she thought they were too much together, or that she did not like their being together?

A. Walker. I believe so, my Lord; she said, she thought they were always out together.

Q. Do you know any thing of their being together after that, and before the Murder was committed?

A. Winch. I had been out about some Buiness on Monday, and I came Home about seven o'Clock at Night, and I ask'd where the young Man was, meaning this here George; they said he was gone to Goody Blackall's on a penny ha'penny Errand about some Potatoes, and I went out again and stay'd till about Ten; and when I came Home, this same George was at the Stair Foot a talking; but as soon as I came in, he held his Tongue, and stood a little while, and then took up a Clout that lay upon the Table and hitten down again, and then he took up the Shears and hitten down again; then he said he would go Home to Bed, and so went out, and I pinned the Door after him, and went to Bed.

Q. Did you lock the Door after him?

A. Walker. I pinn'd it, as I used to do; we had never a Lock.

Q. Was Childrey and his Wife at Home all the while?

A. Walker. I know no otherwise, my Lord, they were at Home when I went out, and at Home when I came back. Thomas Childrey was either in or on Bed when I went up Stairs, and his Wife was preparing to go to Bed.

Q. Are you sure they didn't come down again?

A. Walker. An't please yo', my Lord, I didn't hear them; but they were down in the Morning and had a good Fire before I was up, and this same William George here, was sitting by it warming his Hands, and his Hands shook and trembled like a Palsy; it might be with Cold for what I know.

Q. Did you hear them get up in the Morning?

A. Walker. No, I heard nothing of them, till I came down Stairs about eight o'Clock in the Morning, and saw them all in the Room together.

Anne Breden sworn.

I was going to Work on Tuesday Morning about seven o'Clock, and met Thomas Childrey and this here Man [pointing to George] against Stocktree in the Vineyards, a Mile from the Magpies going into Boxhill Field.

Q. Are you sure it was Childrey? How near was you to him?

A. Breden. As near as I am to you.

Q. Did you speak to him?

A. Breden. I said a Cheer Childrey; and he said a Cheer Nann, as we always used to do.

Q. Do you know nothing of the Murder?

A. Breden. I know nothing more.

John Collins sworn.

About one or two o'Clock on Tuesday in the Afternoon, Goody Blackall's Brother-in Law went by my Door, and I went out to him to know if it was true that his Sister-in-Law was murdered; he told me





it was too true, and desired me to step to Thomas Childrey's; for, says he, there's a Soldier Fellow that lies loitering up and down there, that we have a mind to take up upon Suspicion.

N. B. The Remainder of this Trial will be published next Week.

## L O N D O N.

At Swanby in Glamorganshire on the first of March, in Commemoration of the Queen's Birthday, William Shewen, Esq; and Mr. John Plummer, Collectors of the Customs and Excise, with their Officers, and Mr. John Carter, and several other Gentlemen, had a large Bonfire in the Market Place; and the Excise Office was illuminated in a most beautiful Manner, with 36 large Lights in each Window; where were drank the Healths of their Majesties, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; as also the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, the Honourable Commissioners of Customs and Excise, the Honourable the Post Master General; with several other loyal Healths. The Night concluded with Bells ringing, Guns firing, and Money thrown amongst the Populace, with other Demonstrations of Joy and Gladness suitable to the Occasion, which was easy to be read in every Countenance.

On Saturday last his Grace John Potter, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, was enthroned in the Cathedral Church there, in the Person of the Rev. Edward Donne, L. L. D. Vice-dean of that Church, his Grace's Proxy, who was placed in the Archbishop's Throne first, and then in the Marble Seat, and afterwards in the Dean's Stall, in Token of his taking full Possession of the Archiepiscopal Power, for and in the Name of his Grace.

During the Vacancy of the See, Mr. George Plomer was admitted a Proctor in the Consistory Court of Canterbury, by the Authority of the Dean and Chapter, as he was also since by the Archbishop's Order in his Court.

A few Days since died the Rev. Mr. Margetson, Vicar of Ixning in Suffolk; the Living is in the Gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.

On Thursday last died the Rev. Richard Bate, M. A. Vicar of Chilham, with Molash annexed, and Rector of Warehorn in Kent, in the 63d Year of his Age: The Vicarage is in the Gift of James Colebrooke, of Chilham Castle, Esq; and Warehorn is in the Gift of the Lord Chancellor.

We are assured his Grace the Lord Archbishop, intends to visit his Diocese this Summer.

Yesterday Morning died, after a very long Illness, at his House in St. James's Square, the Right Hon. John Ashburnham Earl of Ashburnham, Viscount St. Asaph in Wales, and Baron Ashburnham in the County of Suffex, and Captain of the Yeomen of his Majesty's Guard.

His Lordship's Father was created a Baron in 1689; and the deceased Earl was created an Earl and Viscount the 14th of May 1730. His Lordship was descended from Bertram Ashburnham, who was Sheriff of Suffex, Surry and Kent, when William the Conqueror came into England, and was with his two Sons, Philip and Michael, beheaded by that King, for defending of Dover Castle against him. One of his Ancestors was William Ashburnham, who after having served the Dutch against the Spaniards in the Netherlands, came over and had the chief Command of the Army rais'd by King Charles I. to march against the Scots; but his principal Scene of Action was in the West of England, where he was Major General, and afterwards Colonel General of the County of Dorset. He was Cofferer to King Charles I. and K. Charles II. and married the young, beautiful, rich Widow of James Earl of Marlborough, who was Lord High Treasurer of England.

Of this Family also was John Ashburnham, Esq; who was one of the Grooms of the Bed-chamber to King Charles I. and the only Person, except a Clergyman, who attended him from Oxford; and when the King was in the Hands of the Scots Army, he transported himself into France, with his Majesty's Approbation, the Scots threatening to deliver him to the Parliament, and had forbid him his Majesty's Presence; but afterwards returning Home, was committed to the Tower by Oliver Cromwell, where he remained till his Death, and after the Restoration he was restored to his former Post of Groom of the Bed-chamber.

The deceased Earl married to his first Wife the Lady Mary, youngest Daughter of James late Duke of Ormond, on the 21st of October 1710, who died the 22d of January 1712, leaving no Issue: He married, July 24, 1714, to his second Wife the Lady

Henrietta, Daughter to William Richard George late Earl of Derby (by the Lady — his Wife, Sister to James late Duke of Ormond) and Widow of John late Earl of Anglesea, who died June 26, 1718, leaving Issue the Lady Anne Ashburnham, who died unmarried on the 8th of August 1732: He married to his third Lady, Jemima Grey, Daughter to Henry Duke of Kent, which Lady died July 27, 1731; leaving Issue one Son named John, who was born October 30, 1725, who now succeeds his Lordship in his Honours and Estate.

The deceased Lord was in the Reign of Queen Anne, Colonel and Captain of the First Troop of Horse Guards; and in December 1728, was appointed Gentleman of the Bed chamber to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which he resigned in June 1731, on account of his ill State of Health; and in November following was constituted Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard.

By the Death of Mr. Pickering of the Six Clerks Office, his Seat, worth about 800l. falls to John Collins, Esq; one of the Six Clerks in Chancery.

The Rev. Dr. Lisle, Prebend and Archdeacon of Canterbury, Rector of Northall in Middlesex, and Bow in Cheapside, is appointed Bishop of Oxford, in the room of his Grace Dr. Potter, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. And

Dr. Rye, Archdeacon of Oxford, Deputy Regius Professor, is appointed Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, also in the room of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. And

The Rev. Dr. Tension, will be appointed Archdeacon of Canterbury, in the room of Dr. Lisle, Bishop of Oxford.

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Custom-House, London, March 10, 1736.

WHEREAS on Saturday the 5th of this Instant March, Richard Burleigh, a notorious Smugler, made his Escape from Dover Castle, where he was committed Prisoner for the Murder of John Wood, an Officer of the Customs at Newhaven, in May 1733, and Richard Rider, a Foot Soldier in the Regiment late General Tattons, who was a Guard on the said Burleigh, and assisted him in making his Escape, is gone with him; The Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said Burleigh, to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs. The said Burleigh is aged about 38 Years, about 5 Foot 10 or 11 Inches high, thin and very straight, of a very swarthy Complexion, long Visage, used to wear a light, natural Wig, and when he walks, goes pretty much as tho' he was in a Hurry, his Legs proportionable to his Body and Height: He was born at Southwold in Suffolk, but since has lived pretty much at Lynn in Norfolk.

Signed by Order of the said Commissioners.

CHA. CARRESSE.

East India House, March 9, 1736.

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